

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the reissue application. New Claims 17-38 are being added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

Before addressing the present Preliminary Amendment, applicants first note that there was an error in the identification of the assignee as recited on the first page of the U.S. Patent No. 6,354,196 to Malmberg et al. Specifically, the assignee is listed as "Frigoscandia Equipment A/S," wherein the true assignee of the patent is Frigoscandia Equipment AB. Evidence of ownership, in the form of a Patent Assignment Abstract of Title from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, is included as Exhibit A. Applicants, therefore, have submitted herewith a Certificate of Ownership Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) in the true assignee name of Frigoscandia Equipment AB.

New independent Claim 17 has been amended by deleting the recited limitation that the gas conditioning device is "positioned in the return channel (13)," as set forth in Claim 1. In addition, Claim 17 has been amended by clarifying the language defining the high pressure chamber and deleting the recited limitation that the high pressure chamber is "substantially above the tunnel." Claim 17 has also been rewritten in non-means-plus-function format.

Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 17-38 are fully supported in the specification. In that regard, support for independent Claim 17 is found in the patent, beginning at Column 3, lines 14-26 and continuing through lines 42-59.

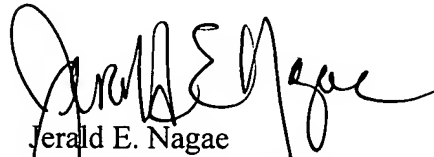
Support for new dependent Claims 18-38 is also found in the patent, beginning at Column 2, line 46 and continuing through Column 4, line 28. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the present Preliminary Amendment.

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